

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Sennett
Date Submitted: 08/18/2026 06:40 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose removing the Section 41.18 designation from Hollywood Recreation Center at 1122 Cole Avenue. Those of us who lived in this neighborhood during the pandemic remember how difficult conditions became around the recreation center. Encampments grew, public spaces became difficult to access and use, and the impact was felt throughout the surrounding neighborhood. We should learn from that experience rather than remove a tool intended to help keep this public recreational space safe, clean and accessible. I am also deeply concerned that the Whitley Heights neighborhood was not informed that this change was being proposed, denying nearby residents a meaningful opportunity to learn about the proposal and provide input before action is taken. A decision directly affecting a neighborhood public park should include notice and an opportunity for the surrounding community to be heard. I support compassionate, sustained outreach and meaningful housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness. But those efforts should not come at the expense of maintaining parks and recreation centers for the entire community. These goals are not mutually exclusive. Hollywood Recreation Center serves families, children, seniors and neighborhood residents. I urge the City Council to retain its Section 41.18 designation and ensure that affected neighborhoods are properly notified and given an opportunity to comment before any change is made.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Sennett
Date Submitted: 08/18/2026 07:00 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose the proposal to remove the Section 41.18 designation from the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center, 1820 N. Las Palmas Avenue. Our neighborhood experienced firsthand what happened during the pandemic when encampments expanded in this area. Conditions became extremely difficult for nearby residents and made public spaces less safe and accessible. We should not risk returning to those conditions by removing an important tool for maintaining the area around a facility specifically intended to serve seniors. I am particularly concerned that Whitley Heights residents were not informed that this change was being considered or given an opportunity to provide input. A policy change that could directly affect a neighborhood and a public facility serving seniors deserves transparency, community notification and meaningful public participation before a decision is made. I strongly support compassionate outreach, housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. At the same time, we have a responsibility to ensure that seniors, residents and other members of the community can safely access and use public facilities. We can—and should—do both. I urge the City Council to retain the Section 41.18 designation at the Las Palmas Senior Citizen Center.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan Bonnell

Date Submitted: 08/18/2026 07:25 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident and homeowner who lives in Hollywood, I respectfully request that you vote NO on the proposed motion to rescind the 41.18 designation for the Las Palmas Senior Center at 1820 N Las Palmas Ave in CD 13. The current homelessness crisis requires a multi-faceted solution, including and not limited to, increasing the supply of affordable housing and offering addiction recovery and mental health services. But there are also times when 41.18 is needed as an enforcement mechanism next to vulnerable schools and parks. I live near the Las Palmas Senior Center, which is a City park with senior citizen services and a preschool in Hollywood and a designated 41.18 site. Ever since Covid began, this park and surrounding sidewalks are overrun with chaotic encampments, filled with violence, drug use/drug dealing, multiple fires, rodent infestations, loud noise, and rowdiness. As the encampments and unhoused population grew at this location, our surrounding neighborhood has to deal with increased crime, trespassing, and break-ins. On top of this, seniors are not able to safely access the senior center because all surrounding sidewalks are blocked. Those who felt comfortable walking near the encampments had to walk through the busy Franklin Avenue roadway. Over the past year, 41.18 has provided a critically needed tool to enforce anti-camping at the Las Palmas Senior Center, when such enforcement has been necessary to allow this facility to serve its intended purpose as a safe gathering spot for senior citizens, and maintain peace and safety in the surrounding neighborhood. The City is making progress on the many factors that need to be addressed to solve homelessness, but rescinding 41.18 is NOT the solution. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS MOTION!

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia Glenn Barasch

Date Submitted: 08/18/2026 07:45 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider your decision to allow enforcement against encampments in the front of the park. Barnsdall Art Park is LA & SoCals only World Heritage Site. A jewel of Los Angeles. It is a precious oasis beloved by the entire city and local communities. We have & continue to quench multiple fires, clean excrement, repair grafitti on the Frank Lloyd Wright buildings & fix devastating damage to the precious 100 year old olive grove. We continue the struggle to raise money for the ongoing costly repairs to protect in this bustling & often abused metropolitan oasis. Hollywood, Los Feliz, Silverlake, all surrounding neighborhoods & beyond must protect Barnsdall Art Park. Barnsdall's small sliver of green is challenging & vital to the health & wellness of these communities & this city.

Communication from Public

Name: ZPS
Date Submitted: 08/18/2026 08:24 AM
Council File No: 21-4118-S1
Comments for Public Posting: Abolish 41.18, I support this motion.

Communication from Public

Name: Yvonne Cheng

Date Submitted: 08/18/2026 08:26 AM

Council File No: 21-4118-S1

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I respectfully request that Barnsdall Art Park be removed from the proposed amendment to CF 21-4118-S1, which would remove enforcement of encampment bans for Barnsdall Art Park. This area is part of the Hollyhock House UNESCO World Heritage site, and its careful protection is critical for site safety and upholding the City's commitments to the World Heritage Council. Hollyhock House is the only UNESCO World Heritage site in all of Los Angeles, and the only UNESCO Cultural site in California. This is an incredible honor and responsibility for the City of Los Angeles, which has committed to UNESCO to protect and preserve the site and all of Barnsdall Art Park. It is your obligation to see this site is protected, not only for Angelenos, but as the City prepares to welcome the world for the 2028 games. Thank you for your time and consideration of our request to remove Barnsdall Art Park from this motion and keep the protections for the park in place. We want to protect our unhoused neighbors, but we also want to protect our park!